

EVENING BULLETIN.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JAN. 27, 1858.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS.

From the annual report of the Commissioner of Patents, laid before the U. S. Senate on the 20th inst., we take the following interesting statistics:

Number of applications for patents during the year 1857, 4,771; number of patents granted, 2,910; number of caveats filed, 1,010; applications for extension of patents, 21; patents extended, 11; patents expired, 572.

Of the patents granted, there were—to citizens of the United States, 2,868; subjects of Great Britain, 23; subjects of France, 13; subjects of other countries, 2—total, 2,910.

The patents granted citizens of the United States were distributed among the several States and Territories as follows:

New York, 855; Massachusetts, 421; Pennsylvania, 314; Ohio, 233; Connecticut, 161; Illinois, 119; New Jersey, 91; Indiana, 60; Virginia, 58; Maryland, 57; Vermont, 48; Missouri, 44; New Hampshire, 41; Kentucky, 37; Michigan, 35; Rhode Island, 26; Wisconsin, 31; Maine, 32; District of Columbia, 33; Alabama, 27; Georgia, 20; Louisiana, 20; North Carolina, 14; Tennessee, 14; South Carolina, 12; Mississippi, 11; Iowa, 11; Delaware, 10; California, 7; Texas, 5; Arkansas, 3; Minnesota, 3; Kansas, 1; United States army, 2—total, 2,868.

THE GOLD COINAGE OF THE UNITED STATES.

Since the establishment of the mint in 1792, according to the American Almanac, the amount of gold coin issued, to the close of 1849, was \$79,923,202; from 1850 to the close of 1857, it was \$425,889,738; making a total gold coinage of \$505,812,940.

At the commencement of 1850, the amount of specie in the United States was estimated to be \$114,000,000; the amount of gold received from California, to the close of 1857, has been estimated to be \$630,000,000; the amount of specie brought into the country by immigrants during the last eight years is estimated to be \$100,000,000; making a total of \$844,000,000. Within the last eight years, according to the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, there have been exported in specie (less imports) \$200,983,800; leaving the amount existing, at the present time, in the United States, in the shape of coin, bullion, plate, jewelry, &c., of \$643,016,140.

Prior to the discovery of the California mines, the United States were importers of the precious metals, but since that event the position has been reversed.

FRAUDS ON THE POST-OFFICE.—The British post-office has made complaints that large numbers of newspapers containing writing are discovered in the mails received from the United States; and, according to a request made of our Post-Office Department, the latter has directed the attention of postmasters throughout the country to the necessity of enforcing the laws and regulations upon that subject, and enjoined them to protect the postal revenue from such illegal practices by exercising greater care and diligence in future. The British office had been requested to return to this country all newspapers, &c., illegally forwarded from the United States at the printed rates, with a view of prosecuting the senders for the recovery of the penalty of \$5 for each offense.

ISSUE OF UNITED STATES TREASURY NOTES.—Up to Saturday 248 notes of the denomination of \$1,000 and 119 notes of the denomination of \$500 have been issued to satisfy land warrants.

We also learn that 283 of the \$1,000 notes, and 123 of the \$500 notes, have been taken up on exchange by private individuals. Army and navy warrants to the amount of \$2,500,000 are now on the treasurer's table, to satisfy which treasury notes will have to be employed. It is estimated that by the end of next week notes to the amount of \$3,000,000 will have been issued.

The Herald's Washington correspondent says that the Senate special committee on French spoliation claims decided at their last meeting in favor of reporting a bill which Mr. Crittenden is preparing. It will include all the reports heretofore made, together with the vetoes, &c. The mode by which the committee propose to pay said claims is to issue United States five per cent claims. They limit the amount to five millions, to be paid pro rata, provided they exceed five million dollars.

A fire occurred in Hartford, Conn., on Friday night, which totally destroyed a large five-story building owned by Willis Threl, and occupied by several manufacturers. The loss is estimated at about \$100,000, and a large number of persons are thrown out of employment.

Lucy's property at Orange, N. J., was seized upon and sold at constable's sale on Saturday, to satisfy a claim for unpaid taxes. Lucy informed the constable that he would have the same job to do next year.

It is said that a private enterprise is on foot for introducing camels into Texas, Arizona, and New Mexico, in consequence of the success of the Government's experiment with these animals.

It is reported from Washington that in the committee of the Senate Mr. Douglas gave a casting vote against the Southern route for the Pacific railroad.

Our columns to-day teem with important and interesting news.

CURIOUSITIES OF RELIGION.—A more striking inconsistency among professors of religion than the following cannot be mentioned:

A party of B-hebian bandits, having murdered a family, were sitting down to a rasher of bacon, when one of them exclaimed, "What are we about to do? Good heavens, it is Lent!" They did not touch the meat. A party of Mexican guerrillas, having despoiled a priest, made him absolve them from crime. When the Duke of York formed a liaison with the beautiful and accomplished Mrs. Clark, his pious father, who saw nothing wrong in his keeping a mistress, was shocked at the heresy of his choice—Mrs. Clark being a Roman Catholic.

THE ARIEL.—In relation to this steamship, which has been now four weeks, the N. Y. Times of Monday says:

The steamship Ariel is now in the 25th day of her passage, and fears are entertained for her safety. Many, however, have reasonably that her detention is caused by some accident to her machinery, which may have happened when she was a week or ten days out, and caused her to put back under sail. If this be so, we shall not be assured of it till the arrival of the North Star, due about the 12th February. Only a partial list of the passengers by the Ariel—she carried about 100, of whom 30 embarked at Bremen—has been received, and these engaged passage at Bremerhaven.

THE EUROPA'S NEWS.

India.—The semi-monthly mail from India arrived at Suez on the 1st of January.

General Havelock did on the 25th of November from a military brought on by exposure and anxiety. On the 27th of November an engagement took place near Cawnpore, between General Windham's division and the Gwalior mutineers, in which the British troops retreated with the loss of 1,000 men, and the Gwalior mutineers numbered more than 8,000 men completely organized and equipped.

Sir Colin Campbell, hearing of this disaster, quitted Lucknow for Cawnpore. On the 7th of December he came up with the Gwalior mutineers, and totally defeated them, capturing sixteen guns, twenty-six caissons, an immense quantity of ammunition, stores, &c., and the whole of their baggage. The British loss in this action was insignificant, only one officer being killed.

All the women and children, sick &c., from Lucknow, had arrived in safety at Allahabad.

The official report of the defence of Lucknow is published, and shows that the privations endured by the heroic garrison, and particularly by the ladies, were fearful.

Col. Roke, 19th Regiment, died at Calcutta from cholera on the 30th November, and Capt. Day, of the 64th, is reported killed at Cawnpore.

Troop ships continued to arrive rapidly at Calcutta, and among others the celebrated American built clipper Lightning had arrived out in a passage of 87 days from the Downs.

Operations were resumed upon the Levithan on the 5th inst. with success, the vessel being moved several feet. The proceedings were continued daily up to the departure of the Europa, the progress each day amounting to eight or ten feet. The evening before the Europa sailed the ship had only 64 feet more to be moved.

It is understood that a bill authorizing the East India Company to raise a loan in England will be introduced immediately upon the assembling of Parliament.

The returns of employment in the cotton mills of Manchester show a gratifying improvement, the number of hands working full time being largely on the increase.

The Daily News says that Lord Palmerston's forthcoming India bill will transfer the direct management of the political affairs of India to a Cabinet Minister, who it is understood shall be a peer and in whom all patronage with one exception is to be vested. This member of the Cabinet is to be President of a council of six, to whom simply consultative functions are to be entrusted. The European portion of the Indian army is to be greatly augmented, and all regulations regarding it are to emanate from the House of Commons. The same journal intimates that Lord Cranfield is to be the first Minister for India under the new arrangement.

France.—Mlle Rachel, the great tragedienne, died on the 3d January, at her estate in Cannes. Her last professional performances were those which took place in the United States. The London Star says: "Mlle Rachel leaves two millions of francs to her eldest son. She died a staunch adherent of the Mosaic dispensation, though oft and oft removed to have joined the prevalent form of Christianity in France. A rabbi from Toulon presided at her last hour. She is to be buried in the Hebrew Cemetery at Paris."

A great increase of confidence in commercial circles in Paris is reported. Among the measures of relief a negotiation is spoken of as going on between the Bank of France and the National Discount Office for the advance of 60,000,000 francs to the Paris merchants on the security of goods in store.

Very little business was doing in brancies, and prices generally had a downward tendency.

Trade at Lyons had begun to revive, and a better demand had sprung up in the silk markets of the South.

Considerable sensation had been created in Paris by the publication of an article in the Spectator, in which it is asserted that a secret treaty has recently been negotiated between England and Austria. Semi-official contradictions had appeared in the Government journals.

The funds closed on the 8th at 7 10.

The Ministerial organ intimates that the Government is not likely to stop the "free labor" movement.

Belgium.—The Bank of Belgium have reduced their rate of discount to 4 1/2 per cent.

Spain.—The Espana of Madrid, in the course of a long article on President Buchanan's Message, expresses the opinion that the Spanish Government will "continue firm in its refusal to give satisfaction to the United States in the affair of the Dorado, since no insult has been committed, and that it will energetically reject the insulting proposition relative to Cuba."

Sardinia.—Turin letters report considerable improvement in commercial and financial affairs. The Bank had lowered its rate of discount from 10 to 8 per cent.

After an important debate in the Piedmontese Chambers, Count Cavour's motion for an inquiry into the conduct of the priests at the late election was carried by a vote of 88 to 35.

A slight ministerial crisis had occurred. M. Ratazzi, Minister of the Interior, had resigned.

Naples.—Shocks of earthquake continued to be experienced almost daily at Naples, but without any serious results.

Portugal.—Lisbon had been at length declared free from yellow fever. The official report of the ravages of the disease shows that between the 9th of September and the 24th of December there were 13,482 cases of fever and 4,759 deaths.

Wurtemberg.—A telegraphic dispatch reports the rather serious illness of the King of Wurtemberg.

Austria.—Field-Marshal Radetzky is dead. The event took place on the 5th of January, its immediate cause being paralysis of the lungs, after an illness of a week. The Marshal was in his ninety-second year.

Prussia.—Accounts from Prussia affirm that, in consequence of the continued ill health of the King, the delegated powers of the Prince of Prussia, which were originally conferred for three months, are now on the point of expiring, will be renewed for a further period of nine months. It is added that the new commission will give the King's brother greater freedom of action than he has hitherto exercised.

The Bank of Prussia has reduced its rate of discount to 5 1/2 per cent.

Latest.—Berlin, 7th.—A royal decree has been issued, prolonging the mandate of the Prince of Prussia for three months.

Turkey.—Kedisch Pasha, Grand Vizier, is dead, after an illness of only three days. His disease was apoplexy.

Circassia.—It is stated that the Circassians have attacked and massacred 1,200 of the Russian garrison of Ade Kow.

Sweden and Norway.—The formation has been announced of a guarantee association at Stockholm, under the auspices of the principal merchants, with the view of supporting the credit of the various houses compromised by the failures at Hamburg and elsewhere.

A is also stated that the Swedish Diet have authorized the Government to raise a loan of between £600,000 and £700,000, exclusively for the relief of such members of the commercial body as may be able to deposit security and give full evidence of their solvency.

The loan for Norway, subscribed through Messrs. Baring, is only £220,000.

burne to November 17th, and £195,567 in gold. Trade at Melbourne continued depressed. Flour had declined 4s to 4s 6d per ton.

Bills for the construction of railroad, the estimated cost of which was £8,000, had passed both Houses of Parliament. The upper House had rejected a bill.

The ship Catherine Adam on was totally wrecked inside the North Head and 21 lives were lost.

New York, Monday A. M.

By the arrival yesterday morning of the Cunard steamship Europa we have Liverpool dates to January 9th, one week later than previously received.

The London money market continued to improve, and a considerable influx of gold daily to the Bank of England continued, under the influence of which a further reduction in the rate of discount from 8 to 6 per cent took place on the 7th inst.

The funds were generally firm throughout the week, although some depression was caused by unfavorable news from India. The train for London had been stopped, and the London & North Western Railway had been closed for 8 hours, at 9 1/2 per cent for money, and 9 1/2 per cent for account.

The discount houses and the joint stock banks had reduced their allowances for money to rates ranging from 3 to 5 per cent.

Under the reduced rate there was a moderately full demand for a accommodation at the bank, but in the discount market an abundant supply was offering on lower terms.

On the stock exchange the average rate of loans on government securities was about 3 1/2 per cent.

A further reduction in the bank rate was anticipated at an early date.

Over £700,000 in gold was known to be on the way from Australia.

The principal failures of the week are the following Glasgow firms: J. & W. Wallace, sewed muslin manufacturers, for £250,000; Mitchell, Miller, & Ogilvie, watchmakers, £80,000; Thomas Callender & Sons, hds and leather factors, and Clapperton, & Co., merchants, liabilities not yet ascertained; John Ewan of Dundee, manufacturer, £50,000; and R. H. Whitfield & Co., of London, West India merchants, £15,000.

The Bank of England returns for the week ending 6th inclusive show an increase in circulation of £1,183,232, the total amount held being £12,614,193, an increase of over five and a quarter millions in the specie of five weeks.

The Times' City Article, dated evening of the 8th, reports a great increase of confidence at Paris is represented. Also at Lyons, in silk. The three per cent, closed at Paris on the 8th, at 77 1/2. The Bank of Belgium has reduced the rate of discount to 4 1/2 per cent.

The Bank of Turin has reduced the rate of discount from 10 to 8 per cent.

The Bank of Prussia had reduced the rate of discount to 5 1/2 per cent.

[From James Hewitt & Co.'s Circular.]

Cotton.—The market opened actively on Monday with estimated sales of 15,000 bales at an improvement of 1/2. Tuesday's prices were strengthened by the increased value of yarn in Manchester, and some 600 bales sold at a further advance of near 1/2. On Wednesday it was discovered that the advanced price asked for goods in Manchester had the effect of checking trade there, and as a consequence the market was here somewhat quiet, although firm. Yesterday, notwithstanding it was believed that the bank would—as it did in the afternoon—reduce the rate of interest from 5 to 4 per cent, and some 400 bales were sold, and the market became regular, although closing 1/4 dearer on the week.

Present estimated stock 39,548 bales, including 190,225 American; against 36,522, including 192,532 American last week.

The sales of the week are 49,340 bales, including 7,000 American for export and speculation. The sales to-day are estimated at 15,000 bales, of which 1,000 are for export.

Tobacco.—The imports for 1857 were 12,000 hds, and the deliveries 13,333. The stock on the 31st of December, 1856, was 13,333 hds, and on the 31st of December, 1857, was 13,333 hds. The stock on the 31st of December, 1857, was 13,333 hds, and on the 31st of December, 1858, was 13,333 hds.

Sugar.—The demand in the earlier part of the week was very active, and an advance of 1/2 per cent was obtained; but within the last day or two there has been less doing, and the market is somewhat quiet. In London there was a good demand for the better sorts, for which full prices are obtained; but lower descriptions were not so much in demand. The market is somewhat quiet, and prices have been fairly supported.

Wheat.—The demand in the earlier part of the week was very active, and an advance of 1/2 per cent was obtained; but within the last day or two there has been less doing, and the market is somewhat quiet. In London there was a good demand for the better sorts, for which full prices are obtained; but lower descriptions were not so much in demand. The market is somewhat quiet, and prices have been fairly supported.

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Spices.—The demand in the earlier part of the week was very active, and an advance of 1/2 per cent was obtained; but within the last day or two there has been less doing, and the market is somewhat quiet. In London there was a good demand for the better sorts, for which full prices are obtained; but lower descriptions were not so much in demand. The market is somewhat quiet, and prices have been fairly supported.

Tea.—The demand in the earlier part of the week was very active, and an advance of 1/2 per cent was obtained; but within the last day or two there has been less doing, and the market is somewhat quiet. In London there was a good demand for the better sorts, for which full prices are obtained; but lower descriptions were not so much in demand. The market is somewhat quiet, and prices have been fairly supported.

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MASONIC TEMPLE.

DR. CHARLES MACKAY,
THE DISTINGUISHED AUTHOR AND POET, ED-
ITOR OF THE LONDON ILLUSTRATED NEWS, WILL
LECTURE AT MASONIC TEMPLE ON FRIDAY EVEN-
ING, 29th inst. Subject—FORTY AND SOON.
Tickets 25 cents. For sale by Messrs. Morton & Gris-
wold, D. P. Foulds & Co., or at the door.
Doors open at 6 1/2; to commence at 7 1/2 o'clock.
125 1/2 1/2

FREDERICK KELLAR,
Boot and Shoe Maker,
FOURTH ST., BETWEEN JEFFERSON AND GREEN,
Under Masonic Temple.

Tenders for sewing machines to his
former patrons, and lower by
the attention of business to con-
stitute their patronage.
125 1/2 1/2

Family Sewing Machines.



101 Fourth street,
BETWEEN MARKET AND JEFFERSON,
Louisville, Ky.

WE OFFER TO THE PUBLIC WHEELER & WIL-
SON'S IMPROVED SEWING MACHINE with
increased capacity as the best and most re-
liable Family Sewing Machine now in use. It sews equally
well on the thickest or thinnest fabrics, makes the best
stitch, and is simple in construction, most speedy in
movement, and more durable than any other machine.
We give full instruction to enable the purchaser to sew
ordinary seams, stitch, hem, felt, quilt, gather, blind, and
tuck, all on the same machine, and warrant it for three
years.
125 1/2 1/2

PICTURES.

477 Main street, between Fourth and Fifth.
HARRIS'S GALLERY
Feb 12 1/2 1/2

NOTICE.

The undersigned would take this method of
returning his thanks to his friends and the public
generally for the liberal patronage he has received
during the past 10 years. Having resumed business, he
may be found, for the present, at the Show-Case Factory,
No. 314 Green street, between Third and Fourth, adjoin-
ing his old stand, where all orders for PAINTING, GLAZ-
ING, &c., will be promptly attended to at prices to suit
the times.
125 1/2 1/2

MODES DE PARIS.

WINTER MILLINERY.

The undersigned would call the especial at-
tention of the ladies to the new and ele-
gant stock of
125 1/2 1/2

MILLINERY GOODS.

Such as Bonnets, Ribbons, Flowers, Feathers, Coiffures,
Dress Caps, &c., which will be sold at prices to suit the
times.
125 1/2 1/2

LADIES' DRESS HATS made to order, and all orders
promptly and promptly filled on very reasonable terms.
125 1/2 1/2

Mrs. A. JONES, Agent.

DISPLAY

GOLD AND SILVER WATCHES,
FASHIONABLE JEWELRY,
PRICES TO SUIT THE TIMES.
125 1/2 1/2

M. C. RAMSEY, Main street.

CORAL ROSES, TULIPS, HARVEST

QUEEN, AND GRAPE FULL SETS,

O the most beautiful designs, just received, which we
invite the ladies to call and examine.
125 1/2 1/2

JOHN KITTS & CO., Main st.

Dissolution.

THE partnership heretofore existing between F. A.
CRUMP and J. H. WELSH was this day dissolved by
mutual consent. F. A. CRUMP is authorized to settle
all debts of the concern and collect all accounts due the
same.
125 1/2 1/2

Jan. 23, 1858. J. H. WELSH.

New Arrangement.

F. A. CRUMP will continue, on his own account, the
BOOK and STATIONERY business at the old stand,
No. 34 Fourth street, near Market. Thankful for all past
patronage, he is soliciting a continuance of all former patrons, be-
lieving that the same will be supplied with a superior
stock and selling the same on accommodating terms. Mr.
Kirk will remain in the house as usual.
125 1/2 1/2

F. A. CRUMP.

CLOSING SALE.

IN accordance with an annual custom, we, at the close
of each season, offer the balance of our stock from min-
or land at prices much lower than usual. Owing to the
financial revolution which has overwhelmed the community
for the last three months, we have been obliged to
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MARK DOWD OUR STOCK

from time to time, in order to meet the pressure, and have
avail ourselves largely of the rare opportunity offered to
125 1/2 1/2

PURCHASE FOR CASH.

The benefit of which we have been and are still offering to
our generous patrons.
125 1/2 1/2

Not previously not already supplied themselves we
would say that
125 1/2 1/2

OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE

DRY GOODS

is seldom if ever equalled.
125 1/2 1/2

Thankful for the generous support thus far given us, we
cordially wish our friends
125 1/2 1/2

"A Happy New Year"

and a speedy return of prosperity.
125 1/2 1/2

MARTIN & PENTON,
125 1/2 1/2

New Books! New Books!

MEMOIRS of General de la Fayette, by the Marquis de la Fayette.
and Memoirs of General de la Fayette, by the Marquis de la Fayette.
125 1/2 1/2

Expeditious Thoughts on the Gospels, by Rev. J. C. Ryle.
125 1/2 1/2

Lectures to Young Men for 1857, by Rev. W. R. Barrington.
125 1/2 1/2

Our Pastor's Visit, 40c.
125 1/2 1/2

EVENING BULLETIN.

AFFAIRS AT FRANKFORT.

(Special Correspondence of the Louisville Journal.)
The Democracy Working "Sam" the Pennington Committee at Work—Col. W. S. Rand and his Remuneration Bill—Sale of Liquor to Negroes—Fencing in Redwoods—Expropriation and Filling—The Apportionment Bill—A new Criminal and Equity Court—A Couple of Vetoes—Amount of Business—The Adjournment, etc.

FRANKFORT, Jan. 26, 3 P. M.

Yesterday Major Thomas B. Helm, the efficient Assistant Clerk, who is acting as principal Clerk during the illness of Mr. McClary, was so violently attacked with that scourge of mankind which Smith's tonic syrup was introduced to cure, that he was compelled to leave the Hall of the House and indulge in his ailment at his room. Of course Mr. Welbourne could not perform the business of the House alone, and a temporary appointment became absolutely necessary. From the manifestations and actions of the Democracy on the recent contemplated appointment of that clever gentleman, J. M. S. McCorkle, to an assistant clerkship, I never dreamed that the ill-used Democratic House could be induced to confer an honor upon any one, however efficient, who did not partake of their political complexion. What was my surprise, then, to see my friend Sam—not the original, but a worthy successor, Samuel C. Squire called to the position. Sam, who is one of the most "intense" of all Americans—Sam, who openly avows himself a "plug"—Sam, who is supposed to be in the confidence of the "Grand Secretary," and who, for aught I know, is agent for half a dozen brass knuck manufacturers—Sam, who is a member of the "Frankfort Clique"—yes, verily, Sam, who is living within a stone's throw of the "type" himself, and who reports for that abominable plugging sheet, the Frankfort Commonwealth. Yet, strange as it may seem, such was the cause. As the party held my friend McClary to such a strict account for daring to think of appointing Mr. McCorkle, would it not be simply an act of retributive justice for the great unwashed constituency to hold their members to an equally strict account for their tardy and remiss of Sam by permitting him to occupy the clerk's table and transact the business? Of course Mr. Squire acquiesced himself to the satisfaction of all, and the business was not in the least retarded. I am happy to say that Major H. is well enough to be in his accustomed seat to-day.

The Printing Committee of the House was yesterday industriously engaged in inspecting the accounts of Col. Hedges, the Public Printer. When I tell you that not a single member of the committee knew anything more about printing than a Hotentot knows about the constitution of the Snooks-ville Debating Society, printers, if not the general reader, will appreciate their embarrassments when the Colonel told them he was allowed by law to pay so much per thousand ems, and requested a count. The Colonel also informed them that he had to pay as much for fat matter as solid, which astonished them exceedingly, and 'tis said that one member of the committee who had formerly engaged to a limited extent in the pork trade, misapprehending the explanation, wished to regulate the price paid for the public printing by the market price of lard, but, upon being shown the difference between a printer's fat and the oleaginous substance obtained from the Jewish almsgiver, gave in, and, after the committee had attempted to digest a few more technical terms, they concluded not to go into a count of the bourgeois, breviter, and agate ems, but to report the accounts as O. K., the justice of which report will never be questioned by any one who knows our clever and faithful State Printer.

The chief subject of discussion in the Senate to-day was the bill proposing to remunerate Col. Wm. S. Rand for the expenses incurred by him in his fair to New York in the year 1855. Mr. Taylor advocated the bill at considerable length, but, when the vote was taken, it was negatively by a considerable majority. So over the dam goes the Colonel.

A bill was passed regulating the sale of vinous, malt, and spirituous liquors to slaves and free negroes, which only imposes heavier penalties upon persons so selling than the penalties already imposed by law. It is true that the penalties already imposed by statute are heavy, but, when we reflect on all the evils arising from the use of alcoholic drinks by our slave population, it seems scarcely possible to throw too many restraints around the sale of such articles to that particular class of individuals.

Mr. Whitaker moved a resolution to the effect that when the Legislature adjourn on the 5th of February, it adjourn sine die. As the resolution was a joint one, under the rules of the House it must lie over one day, but when it comes up I have no doubt it will be promptly negatived.

The Senate adjourned to-day to meet on Thursday in consequence of the American Convention to be held in this city on to-morrow. The other body was scarcely in consideration, notwithstanding they had tendered the use of the Hall to the convention. Still I suppose when the honorable representatives meet in the morning they will adjourn without transacting any business.

In the House to-day the bill amending chapter 30 of the Revised Statutes, and also a bill amending section 9, chapter 24 of the Revised Statutes, passed almost without opposition. As I have already, in a former letter, given the substance of the amendments, it is scarcely necessary to repeat them. A bill amending the law relating to wills was also introduced. But the principal subject of debate was upon a bill requiring railroad companies to fence both sides of the entire length of their several roads. Mr. Lindsey advocated the bill at length, and Mr. Combs made an able speech against it. It was finally laid on the table by a large majority. A bill was presented to-day amending the laws of expropriation, which was decidedly anti-illiberalistic (if I may coin a word) in its character. The prompt response to lay it upon the table, and the large majority by which it was done, showed very conclusively that the House was decidedly in favor of illiberalism, however prompt they may be to agree with the President in his views upon the Paulding and Walker difficulty.

Mr. Machen to-day reported his apportionment bill, which was only read by its title and ordered to be printed. I suppose we will get a peep at the prodigy to-morrow, and, if so, I will immediately furnish you with a description.

A bill passed the House to-day creating a Criminal and Equity Court in the Fourth Judicial district. It was warmly opposed, but was readily passed when the vote was taken.

We were furnished to-day with a couple of vetoes by His Excellency. One vetoing the bill appointing commissioners to run the county line between Pendleton and Letcher counties and the other vetoing a bill for the benefit of a school commissioner. The first was sustained without a dissenting voice, but the other bill was passed over the head of His Excellency.

I am frequently asked, "When will the Legislature adjourn?" It is impossible to say; but as Mr. Johnson, from a Select Committee appointed to ascertain the amount of business before the body, to-day reported, and as his report may throw some light upon the subject, I subjoin it:

The Select Committee appointed to ascertain and report the amount of business in the hands of the Standing Committee, would respectfully report.

That there are before the Standing Committee, ready to be reported to the House, one hundred and fifteen bills of a general nature, and one hundred and eighty-five of a local or private nature.

This report does not include laws which have not been acted upon, or have been rejected, or of which your committee have ascertained that there are a large number.

"This number of bills to be considered during the period of the present session will allow an average of eight minutes to each bill. If it be estimated that three minutes upon an average will be sufficient for the consideration of the local and private bills, there will be left seventeen minutes for the consideration of each general bill. This report is based upon the hypothesis that no new subject will be introduced; but as this is improbable, the committee are of opinion that the whole business cannot be acted upon unless the Legislature adjourns on an average of ten minutes.

Saw, under this state of affairs, the question of when the Legislature will adjourn can only be determined by the solution of the problem, "Will the Democratic members transact the business for which they were sent here?" and what a Democratic Legislature will do "no man knoweth." ESTELLE.

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